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NEBRASKA'S JUNE 1, 2011 ACREAGE REPORT

LINCOLN, NE., June 30, 2011 -- Nebraska producers increased acreage planted to corn and sugarbeets from a year ago, while decreasing acres planted to soybeans, winter wheat, hay, sorghum, dry edible beans, oats, sunflowers, and proso millet, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Nebraska **corn** growers planted 10.0 million acres for all purposes in 2011, up 9 percent from last year and the largest total since 1933. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 93 percent of the planted acreage, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Soybean producers planted 4.75 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 97 percent of the planted acreage, up from 94 percent last year.

Last fall, **winter wheat** was sown on 1.5 million acres, down 6 percent from 2010. Area for harvest, at 1.4 million, is down 6 percent from 2010.

Sorghum growers planted 135,000 acres, 13 percent less than 2010 and the lowest planted area since 1930.

Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 850,000, is down 4 percent from last year and the lowest total since 1943. **Other types of hay**, at 1.7 million acres, are down 6 percent from a year earlier. **Dry edible bean** producers planted 125,000 acres, down 26 percent from a year earlier. **Oat** seedings, at 80,000 acres, are down 11 percent from 2010. **Proso Millet** plantings are down 33 percent from a year ago. **Sunflower** acres of 48,000 are down 23 percent from 2010. **Sugarbeet** plantings of 53,000 acres are up 3,000 acres from last year.

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